Inclusion of villages in Schedule V Area

3166. SHRI PENUMALLI MADHU: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether State Governments have approached to notify the villages with predominantly tribal population for inclusion in Schedule V Area;

(b) whether any such request from Government of Andhra Pradesh is pending with Government;

(c) if so, what action has been taken by Government thereon; and

(d) what is the status of other States in this respect?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P. R. KYNDIAH): (a) Yes, Sir. Proposals have been received from the State Governments of Himachal Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan, apart from Andhra Pradesh.

(b) and (c) The proposal for rationalization of Scheduled Areas in Andhra Pradesh to make the Tribal Sub Plan and the Scheduled Area co terminus, has been examined in this Ministry in consultation with the State Government, Planning Commission and Ministry of Law and Justice.

(d) Proposals of the other three States have also been examined. The proposals of Himachal Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan have been referred back to the respective State Governments for further action.

Role of TRIFED

3167. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the role of TRIFED has changed from procurement of minor forest produce to promotional and development activities;

(b) if so, whether TRIFED is expected to meet its establishment cost from profit or from grant; and

(c) if TRIFED is not a profit making organization now, whether Government are committed to support it through grant?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P. R. KYNDIAH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Government of India does not have any budgetary provision to meet the establishment cost of the Tribal Cooperative Marketing Development Federation of India Ltd. (TRIFED). However the Government